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Amend claims 1, 3, 9 and 17 as follows:

1. (Amended) A multi-phase bipolar brushless D.C. motor comprising:
a stator constituted by M phases, each phase having a plurality of windings
connected in parallel and further connected independently of the winding connection
of the other phases;

a rotor shaft rotatably coupled to said stator and having N embedded
permanent magnet poles which concentrate flux between opposing faces of like
polarity;

a commutation encoder fixed at one end of the rotor shaft comprising a
circular plate and an annular ring defining at least one light shielding portion which
functions as a non-sensing area, and at least one light detecting portion having
opposite vertical edges which functions as a sensing area;

photo-sensors coupled operatively with the commutation encoder and
being constituted so that two photo-transistors are provided with respect to each
phase, each of the photo-transistors in the M phases being arranged, in turn, and
one by one at intervals of predetermined shaft angle so as to produce a positive
pulse when registered with the sensing area of the commutation encoder; [and]

an electronic commutator constituted in such a manner that four power
transistors are connected across the windings of each phase of the stator, two of the
four power transistors of each phase being connected to one of the photo-transistors

so that each phase is provided with two photo-transistors in order to perform the determination of the current direction according to the positive pulse of the photo-transistors, thereby flowing the alternating current through the windings to drive the motor; and

an electric power source connected in parallel to each phase of said electronic commutator;

wherein the width of the light detecting portion is determined by the following formula:

$2\pi / \text{the number of poles} \times (\text{the number of phases} \times K / \text{the number of phases})$,
wherein K is the commutation coefficient;

the number of the light detecting portions is determined by the following formula:

$(\text{the number of poles}) / 2$; and

the interval between each of the photo-transistors is determined by the following formula:

$2\pi / (\text{the number of poles}) \times 1 / (\text{the number of phases})$;

whereby the motor can be composed of one selected from a group consisting of 2-phase with 1-x-exciting, 3-phase with 2-y-exciting, 4-phase with 3-z-exciting . . . n-phase with (n-1-j)-exciting, where x, y, z and j are fractional commutation coefficients, thereby raising the efficiency, power, and speed of the motor.

In Claim 3, line 4, replace " $4\pi / (\text{the number of poles})$ " with - - $4\pi / (\text{the number of poles})$ - -

9. (Amended) A multi-phase bipolar brushless D.C. motor, comprising:
a stator defining M phases, having a plurality of windings connected in parallel and independently of the winding connection of the other phases;

a rotor shaft rotatably coupled to said stator and having N permanent magnet poles for concentrating flux between opposing faces of like polarity;

a commutation encoder at one end of the rotor shaft defining at least one light shielding portion which functions as a non-sensing area, and at least one light detecting portion which functions as a sensing area;

photo-sensors corresponding to each phase and coupled operatively with the commutation encoder, the photo-transistors being arranged so as to produce a positive pulse when registered with the sensing area of the commutation encoder;

an electronic commutator including power transistors connected across the windings of each phase of the stator and to one of the photo-transistors so that each phase is provided with a plurality of photo-transistors in order to perform the determination of the current direction, thereby flowing the alternating current through the windings to drive the motor; and

an electric power source connected in parallel to each phase of said electronic commutator;

wherein the width of the light detecting portion is determined by the following formula:

$2\pi / \text{the number of poles} \times (\text{the number of phases} \times K / \text{the number of phases})$,

wherein K is the commutation coefficient;

the number of the light detecting portions is determined by the following formula:

$(\text{the number of poles})/2$; and

the interval between each of the photo-transistors is determined by the following formula:

$2\pi / (\text{the number of poles}) \times 1 / (\text{the number of phases})$;

whereby the motor is selected from a group consisting of 2-phase with 1-x-exciting, 3-phase with 2-y-exciting, 4-phase with 3-z-exciting, . . . n-phase with (n-1-j)-exciting, where x, y, z and j are fractional commutation coefficients, thereby raising the efficiency, power, and speed of the motor.

17. (Amended) A multi-phase bipolar brushless D.C. motor, comprising:
a stator defining M phases, each phase having a plurality of windings connected in parallel and independently of the winding connection of the other phases;

a rotor shaft rotatably coupled to said stator and having N permanent magnet poles formed by embedded magnets which concentrate flux between opposing faces of like polarity;

a cylindrical commutation encoder at one end of the rotor shaft outside of the motor, comprising a circular plate and an annular ring defining at least one light shielding portion which functions as a non-sensing area, and at least one light detecting portion having opposite vertical edges which functions as a sensing area;

photo-sensors coupled operatively with the commutation encoder to provide two photo-transistors for each phase, each of the photo-transistors in the M phases being arranged, in turn, and one by one at intervals of predetermined shaft angle so as to produce a positive pulse when registered with the sensing area of the commutation encoder;

an electronic commutator including four power transistors connected across the windings of each phase of the stator, wherein two of the four power transistors of each phase being connected to one of the photo-transistors so that each phase is provided with two photo-transistors in order to perform the determination of the current direction according to the positive pulse of the photo-transistors, thereby flowing the alternating current through the windings to drive the motor; and

an electric power source connected in parallel to each phase of said electronic commutator;

wherein the width of the light detecting portion is determined by the following formula:

$2\pi / \text{the number of poles} \times (\text{the number of phases} \times K / \text{the number of phases})$,

wherein K is the commutation coefficient;

the number of the light detecting portions is determined by the following formula:

$(\text{The number of poles})/2$; and

the interval between each of the photo-transistors is determined by the following formula:

$2\pi / (\text{the number of poles}) \times 1/(\text{the number of phases})$;

whereby the motor is selected from a group consisting of 2-phase with 1-x-exciting, 3-phase with 2-y-exciting, 4-phase with 3-z-exciting . . . n-phase with (n-1-j)-exciting, where x, y, z and j are fractional commutation coefficients, thereby raising the efficiency, power, and speed of the motor.